

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the benefits of research works carried out by the various Agriculture Universities/Institutions/Research Centres are not within the reach of the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the knowledge and expertise are not within the reach of farmers due to lack of communication between farmers and the said institutions; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) In order to facilitate the dissemination of the benefits of research works carried out by the Agricultural Universities/Research Institutions/Centres to the farmers, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have taken up various front-line extension programmes.

The details are as follows:

- (i) Establishment of 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) with the State Agricultural Universities (SAU), ICAR Institutes, Non-Government Organizations (NGO) and other institutions.
- (ii) To provide a strong linkage between technology generation, assessment, refinement and dissemination, the ICAR have sanctioned for strengthening the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take the additional functions of KVK in 53 districts where there is no KVK.
- (iii) Sanctioned 40 Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATIC) with the SAUs and ICAR Institutes to provide to single window support system for technology products, information and services developed by the institutions to the farmers.
- (iv) A project on Technology Assessment and Refinement through Institution Village Linkage Programme (IVLP) has been launched by the Council at 70 centres of SAUs and ICAR Institutes to facilitate scientist-farmer linkage.
- (v) The SAUs have their own Directorates of Extension to undertake various activities for dissemination of technology to the farmers.
- (c) & (d) The knowledge and expertise on modern agricultural technology are communicated to the farmers by organising front-line demonstrations, on-farm testing, training of farmers and extension personnel through the programmes indicated above.